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BRUSSELS AND LAGOS FOR FAA REPS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, ASAF, AFSP, MR

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AIR MAURITANIE SAFETY

REF: STATE 184156

1. MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR QUICK RESPONSE. HAVE REVISED TEXT OF LETTER TO 'ABDALLAHI IN LIGHT COMMENTS REFTEL (E.G. CHANGE RE FAA) AND FURTHER DRAFTING SESSION WITH HUGHES TEAM CHIEF TO INCORPORATE PRECISE AVIATION TERMINOLOGY IN ONE OR TWO PLACES. HAVE ALSO ADDED SENTENCE TO OPENING PARA NOTING IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT ALTMAN RAISED SAFETY QUESTION IN DISCUSSIONS WITH 'ABDALLAHI IN JANUARY AND IN MARCH. WILL POUCH AS-SIGNED COPY OF LETTER TO AF/W AFTER DELIVERY.

2. UNTIL JULY 17, SAFETY PROBLEM AROSE OUT OF LAX OBSERVANCE OF SAFETY PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES ON PART OF UNTRAINED, UNINFORMED, AND INEXPERIENCED OPERATING PERSONNEL. APPROACHES TO GIRM (AND AIRM BY HUGHES) WERE ACCORDINGLY IN TERMS OF CALLING ATTENTION TO PROBLEM, RECOMMENDING CORRECTIVE ACTION, AND OFFERING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. JULY 17 DAKAR FLIGHT, IN SHARP CONTRAST, WAS CONSCIOUS, CONSIDERED DECISION OF SENIOR AIRM EXECUTIVE AND OF AIR-CONFIDENTIAL

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CRAFAMMANDER, BOTH PRESUMABLY COMPETENT AND EXPE-

RIENCED EUROPEAN TECHNICIANS. WHEN BASIS OF SAFETY  
PROBLEM SHIFTS FROM CARELESSNESS OF OPERATING PERSONNEL  
TO CONSCIOUS ACTION BY EXECUTIVES, INTERLOCUTORS AND  
PROSPECTIVE PASSENGERS QGQLYUAPPEAR TO BE JUSTIFIED IN  
ADOPTING PARALLEL SHIFT IN RESPONSE.

3. TRANSLATION AND FINAL TYPING CHORES TOGETHER WITH  
'ABDALLAH'S NORAMLLY FULL SCHEDULE WILL PROBABLY PRE-  
CLUDE MEETING PRIOR TO JULY 27. THEREFORE, IN ORDER  
MINIMIZE POSSIBILITY OF GIRM LEARNING ABOUT ACTION IN-  
DIRECTLY IN ADVANCE, REQUEST DEPARTMENT HOLD DESPATCH  
OF CIRCULAR TELEGRAM UNTIL COB TUESDAY OR EARLY WED-  
NESDAY, AND NOTIFICATION OF KOCHMAN UNTIL WE REPORT  
DELIVERY OF LETTER.

4. NON-EXPERT REPORT ON AIRM CRASH FOLLOWS BY ROUTINE SEP-  
TEL BASED ON ON-SPOT INVESTIGATION BY HUGHES AIRWEST TEAM CHIEF PITTS.

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